

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification and claims 1-4 are amended, and claims 5-20 are added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

I. Objections

The Office Action objects to the disclosure stating that it should be reviewed for translation errors. The Office Action also objects to the specification under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to provide an adequate description of the claimed invention. Applicants have amended the disclosure for translation errors and to more clearly describe the invention. No new matter has been entered.

Applicants respectfully submit that the language of the specification in conjunction with Figures 1-6 provide sufficient information for one of ordinary skill in the art to make and use the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objections be withdrawn.

II. Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for the same reasons set forth in the objection to the specification. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The function of the "pitting unit" and the "stoppers" has been clarified in the amended specification. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4 are now fully supported by the specification. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-4 under §112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

III. Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

The Office Action also rejects to claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, stating the claims are allegedly indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have amended the claims to provide greater clarity. It is respectfully submitted that the amended claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under §112, second paragraph, is requested.

IV. New Claims

By this Amendment, new claims 5-20 have been added. In particular, new independent claim 5 sets forth an exchanger for a tray feeder. Claims 6-20 depend from new claim 5. Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

V. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Randall H. Cherry, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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